

WESTWILL FIGHT "PORK BARREL" GRAB ON SPEAKING TOUR

Washington, Jan. 22.—Of even greater menace than the attacks of Mr. Bryan and his fellow pacifists is a project that is finding favor among Congressmen who seek to convert the President's plan of patriotic precaution into "pork barrel patronage."

The President undoubtedly will throw some light upon this effort in his forthcoming appeals to the country for support of his national defense recommendations. He will make it plain to the voters that he does not fear so much the influences of the men who base their opposition on altruistic grounds as from the failure of Congress itself to appreciate the universal necessity for it.

Cabinet Approval Plan.
The source and scope of this interference with the general plan submitted by the President was under discussion yesterday at the meeting of the cabinet, which devoted much of its session to the Congressional problems of the administration.

The President disclosed his plan for appealing direct to the people. His project was generally approved, although some changes in the schedule announced yesterday have been made in order to cover an even wider range of territory than at first contemplated. The President's Western tour will consume a week, beginning next Friday night. On the following afternoon he will speak at Pittsburgh, and at Cleveland the same night. He will spend Sunday in Cleveland, leaving that night for Milwaukee. His address in the Wisconsin city will be delivered Monday afternoon. The same night he will speak in Chicago. The next night—Feb. 1—will find him at Des Moines, Ia. The following day he will be at Topeka, from which place he will go to Kansas City, where the last speech of the tour will be made the same night. He will then return to Washington.

Ignore Roosevelt and Bryan.
There is excellent reason to believe that the President will not devote any of his speeches to answering the attacks made by either Col. Roosevelt, who charges him with being "too proud to fight," or Mr. Bryan, who says he is too warlike. It is the purpose of the President to place before the people a calm, dispassionate review of conditions as they appear to him and the reasons that inspired him to recommend to Congress an improvement.

The more bellicose the colonel talks the better the President will like it, because he believes that the efforts of his Administration to fortify against war and keep out of it will receive the approval of the people. The President will still his various audiences just how he regards war and its consequences.

The President gave an indication of the serious view he takes of the fight over national defense today in a letter to Congressman Carter Glass of Virginia explaining why he cannot accept an invitation to visit Lynchburg next week.

Duty to Appeal to Nation.
"I do not think," wrote the President, "that the Congress quite realizes the genuine demand of the country for an adequate plan of preparation for national defense. I feel that it is my duty to explain this matter to the country and summon its support, and that I ought to devote my whole energy without reserve to the business of this session, in which I want to be of assistance in every possible and legitimate way."

Last night the President and Mrs. Wilson left Washington on the naval yacht, Mayflower, for a two-day cruise down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay, the President having decided to seek seclusion for the preparation of an address he will deliver Jan. 27 in New York before a banquet of the Railroad Business Association, and to tentatively outline the speeches he will make in the Middle West. He will keep in touch with the White House by wireless while away and plans to return Monday morning.

While he is away from Washington, the members of his cabinet and his rapidly enlarging circle of supporters in Congress will center their efforts upon the task of frustrating the plan to transform his military program into a political machine for the benefit of members of Congress.

Opposed Continental Army.
It found its inspiration in the hostilities developed at the start toward Secretary of War Garrison's continental army, made up of state units in accordance with the general plan of state militia organizations, but having a closer relation to the Federal government.

Members of Congress evidenced their disapproval and offered as a substitute a proposition to transform the present National Guard into a paid volunteer army, approximating something like the aggregate of 400,000 men recommended by the Secretary of War.

While no provision for this "pork barrel" plan has been even tentatively written into the bill which the House Military Committee is drafting, the support of it is being unmistakably finding favor with Congressmen and among officers of the National Guard.

Mr. Hay, the chairman of the House Military Committee, has already indicated his approval of it and is being inundated with demands of Congressmen that the scheme be put through.

As a working basis the committee has before it a schedule that calls for the payment to militia captains of \$500 a year; first lieutenants, \$400; second lieutenants, \$300; sergeants, \$200; corporals, \$100 and privates, \$50—in government money.

Affords Big Political Machine.
It would also give each Congressman a political machine which would prove almost invincible in a contest for the plan under consideration contemplates a development of the law of permitting Congressmen to recom-

mend applicants to Annapolis and West Point.

If the wishes of the Congressmen prevail, the organization of State units will be turned over to them pretty much as the post offices are at present, and consequently taken out of the hands of the state governments. In the view of the friends of this philanthropic undertaking and a vast majority of Congressmen favor it—it possesses political advantages to themselves eclipsing in magnitude and influence any patronage prerogatives hitherto granted them by the government.

With the power to name officers and men in the various state units, and presumably to designate locations of companies, the benefits to be derived are of the sort that appeal to the mind of every member of Congress.

It is therefore natural that they predict that every hamlet would experience a thrill of patriotism that would lead to the organization of an army adequate for all purposes—as long as the pay checks come from Washington.

Accelerate Paid Patriotism.

National Guard influences are also beginning to accelerate the scheme. This is made clear by the recent activities of the "National Guard Association of the United States," whose headquarters is at St. Augustine, Fla. The President of this organization is Gen. Thomas S. Stewart of Harrisburg.

The chairman of the executive committee is Clifford R. Foster of St. Augustine. Mr. Foster recently issued circular letters addressed to the adjutant generals of the several states urging them to get behind the scheme of expanding the National Guard.

In a circular of January 10 Mr. Foster says: "By this time it will have been made clear to you from the report of the General Staff and other information now obtainable that the attitude of the army toward the National Guard is hardly more favorable than that of the Secretary of War himself, although the latter sought to take full responsibility for the Continental Army plan."

"It will be well to accept the fact at the outset that we will have strong opposition to the National Guard program from both quarters and shape our course accordingly. It is the tendency to find, however, that the sentiment in Congress is very favorable to us. Numbers of letters have been received from members of Congress expressing disapproval of the Continental Army scheme and inclination to support legislation favorable to the militia."

"This is very encouraging, but we must exert ourselves to create sentiment at home which will back up our friends in Congress, and this sentiment must be based upon an intelligent understanding of what we propose and their reasons for it."

Influence Boards of Trade.
He urges that all members of the National Guard individually identify themselves with organizations created to influence legislation favorable to their interests. In another circular he says:

"Your committee believes it to be desirable that efforts be made to secure the adoption of boards of trade and other commercial organizations throughout the country of resolutions endorsing the National Guard program for Federal military legislation. This action can be initiated by officers in every city and town where there are organizations of the National Guard and perhaps in other cities."

The same circular declares the Continental army plan advocated by Secretary Garrison to be "impractical and foredoomed to failure." Drafts of resolutions to be passed by the National Guard organizations and other bodies are being distributed by the National Guard Association.

Some of the features of these resolutions favor universal military training under the Swiss system and the expansion of the land forces of the country with National Guard organizations as the basis.

National Guard officers are also urged to wire and write their Congressmen to favor the expansion of the militia.

BUILDING NOTES

Mr. Bertha M. Hurlock has given a contract for three attractive houses to be erected in Stratford road.

Andrew Nelson is arranging to have a two family dwelling house built in Anson street.

Four family house is in course of erection in Putnam street for John Slosser of 1523 Pembroke street.

Work has started on a two-family house in Garfield avenue for A. J. Levesque of 419 Broad street.

Three two family houses are building in Davison street for Soderholm & Swanson.

Work has begun on the masonry of the house which W. J. Lord is building in Orange street.

W. P. Franklin has let contracts for a bungalow and garage to be built in Fairview avenue.

Peter Espisto will build two three-story brick dwelling houses in North avenue.

Samuel Silverstone is procuring estimates for the construction of two stores and business tenements at Maplewood avenue and Pequonnock street.

Work will begin next week on an attractive residence in Chalmers avenue for C. P. Morris, of 33 Washington court.

Former Alderman Patrick H. Brady is building another home in Anson street, adjoining his other property there.

CHANGES NAME.

The Gilman Tea Co., Incorporated, of this city, has filed a certificate showing a change of its corporate name to the East India Tea Company.

The worst flood since 1902 was recorded in many towns and cities in Illinois, the streets in some places being six feet under water as the result of heavy rains.

PRICE OF CHIVALRY SINKS TO JITNEY A CHIV IN RUSH HOUR

Men Get Off to Allow Women on Car and Then Can't Get Back.

The Connecticut Co. patrons over the North Main street division of the local traction service are discussing the price of chivalry as it applies to strap-hanging. In a recent bear movement near Congress street in which Chivalry issues declined materially, the price was set at 5 cents a smash.

A crowded trolley car going north from State street to Congress, a distance which required about 20 minutes to pass, stopped at Congress street, where several women desired to get on. The pay-as-you-enter was jammed to the doors. The conductor had waived his rule of "passengers put money in box" and restored to the old collection-by-hand method. Several passengers on the rear car who had paid fares stepped off to aid the women on. When that had been accomplished, the men could not get back so that the doors would close. The conductor was insistent upon "move-up-front, please!" Sardines were never closer and oil between the passengers would not have aided the stuffing-box situation.

"Gentlemen, you will have to get off, so I can shut the door," said the conductor amiably.

"We've paid our fares," pleaded the gallant ones.

"Can't help it," said the conductor, "I've got to close the doors."

"Well, give us our money back," said the passengers.

"I can't do that; it's in the box," said the conductor.

Whereupon all the objectors hung upon the platform for fully 15 minutes when the doors were closed to an angle of 45 degrees, thereby disproving that a pay-as-you-enter cannot be moved until the doors are fully closed.

A report of the matter to Superintendent Charles Chapman has resulted in an improvement. Last night during the rush hours the rear car on South Main street every other car switching at Main and Gilbert streets and returning north. This greatly aided the waiting passengers and the company today was deluged with congratulations. It is believed that similar switching operations of alternate cars will further facilitate travel in the rush hours.

Incidentally, reports have come to the ears of police authorities that New Haven-bound cars have been so overcrowded that passengers clung to rear fenders outside the vestibules in imminent danger to their persons, and that policemen along the routes made no attempt to interfere.

THOUSANDS LOSE THEIR HOMES IN WESTERN FLOODS

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A cold wave said by the weather bureau to be sweeping eastward from the Rocky Mountain region today was held out as bringing hope for relief from flood conditions which prevailed in northern Illinois and neighboring states yesterday as the result of heavy rains following a rapid rise in temperature.

Thousands of persons temporarily were made homeless and the loss is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Several cities were also facing the prospect of epidemic as the result of pollution of their drinking water by the flood.

Reports reaching Chicago early today told of extensive damage in the territory within a radius of 50 miles of Chicago. Hundreds of farms in the Fox, Des Plaines, Rock and other river valleys, are inundated and there are reports of further damage.

Florets, Aurora and Elgin, Ill., suffered most from the flood. At all three points dynamite was used to break the jams which held the water in check.

In Chicago sewers overflowed and hundreds of basements and subways under railroad viaducts were flooded so that traffic through them was impossible. Firemen were kept busy all day pumping water.

Similar damage also occurred in Ottawa, La Salle, Rockford, Peoria, Streator and Freeport, Ill., besides many smaller cities, suburbs of Chicago.

CHICAGO SEEKING ROBBER WHO SHOT TRAFFIC OFFICER

Chicago, Jan. 22.—All available men of the city detective force today are searching Chicago for the man who last yesterday shot and killed one man, wounded another and escaped with \$900 belonging to the Chicago branch of the Thomas Cook & Sons tourist agency. The shooting occurred during the late afternoon rush hours, when the streets were crowded with people. The robber shot and instantly killed Traffic Policeman B. A. Johnson and wounded Ernest Walsh, cashier for the Cook agency. He escaped as did also the woman who accompanied him after a taxicab driver refused to assist in the flight.

The woman is believed to have boarded a train for the east shortly after the robbery.

Descriptions of the man were vague but Nicholas Hunt, chief of the detective bureau, stated that his men are searching for William La Trasse, who escaped from the Kansas state penitentiary in 1913.

STATESMEN TO VISIT SOLDIERS.
Paris, Jan. 22.—The United Socialist party will petition parliament and the government to authorize a committee of members of the chamber of deputies to visit the front and to talk freely with the soldiers so that closer relations may be instituted between the army and parliament.

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Snowshoeing's Great; Its Devotees Think So



THEY'RE GOING SNOWSHOEING

Dressed frankly and simply for their sport, the ladies who go snowshoeing say that they find it an exhilarating and healthful pastime. Not all the shops show snowshoeing costumes, of course, so the ladies (and perhaps the gentlemen) will be interested in learning that this interesting costume is fashioned of white Agnora horizontally striped with crimson and set off by huge white pearl buttons. The hood is built on to the coat, and the bloomers take heavy boots of white buck, out moccasin fashion. A dashing suit for the outdoor girl.

Blind People's League Has Successful Concert

Before an audience that well filled Warner hall in the Y. M. C. A. building, members of the Bridgeport Blind People's Mutual Welfare league gave a delightful entertainment last night. The proceeds of this and similar entertainments that have been planned are to aid in the establishment of a factory where blind people who have no other means of earning a livelihood might find employment making brooms, mattresses and chairs. Mayor Wilson made an address last night, endorsing the movement and promising his support.

The following program was given: Lincoln School Piff and Drum corps, Fred Ver Vane, Nicholas Elliot, James Burns, Howard Matson, Harold Ryan.

Piano solo, "Rondo Capriccioso," Mendelssohn; Prof. Vincenzo Proccini.

Song, "Queen of the Earth," Pinsuti; Miss Ethel Crowther.

Comet solo, "Columbia Polka," Samuel C. Bond.

Reading, Scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It," Miss Elizabeth Travis.

Piano duet, Mr. Bond and Mr. Strout.

Duet for clarinet and cornet, "Cheerfulness," Gumbart; Miss Loraine Berger and Mr. Bond.

Song, "Wandering Knight," Eldridge; H. A. Strout.

Piano solo, Sonata in C sharp minor, Beethoven; Mr. Proccini.

Song, "Rosary," Nevins; Miss Crowther.

Baritone horn solo, "Marching through Georgia," played by the composer, H. A. Strout.

Reading, "Molloy," Miss Travis.

Lincoln Drum Corps.

OBITUARY

HARRY CAVE.
The funeral of Harry Cave was held from his late home, 104 Read street at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. Rev. William H. Jepson, rector of St. Luke's church, conducted the services which were largely attended. Delegates were present from the P. T. Barnum lodge, K. of P., and the Bartenders' union. These acted as bearers and honorary bearers and the P. T. Barnum lodge escorted their ritual to Park cemetery where the Rev. Mr. Jepson conducted the committal services.

FREDERICK ARCHER.
Frederick Archer died yesterday at 208 Aylmyn street, aged 46 years. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mabel and Fanny Archer, a son, Charles Leonard Archer, his father, Charles Archer and four brothers, Gilbert, Frank, William and James Archer, also a sister, Mrs. Susie Burke. The funeral was held this afternoon from the mortuary chapel of August G. Baker on Stratford avenue. Rev. William H. Jepson, rector of St. Luke's church, conducted the services. Burial was in Park cemetery where the committal services were read by Rev. Mr. Jepson.

JOHN FASSHAUER.
John Fasshauer, a native of Germany, but a resident for many years of New York, died last night at his late home, 472 Wood avenue, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Fasshauer was 80 years of age and was a retired shipbuilder. He has been living in this city about a year. He is survived by a widow, one son, Louis C. Fasshauer, of Yonkers, N. Y., three daughters, Anne E. Fasshauer, of Kingston, N. Y., Mrs. John Diehl, of Malden, N. Y., and Mrs. Jacob Herb, of this city. There are also six grandchildren. He leaves also a sister, Mrs. Mary Schweny, of Homestead, N. Y. Mr. Fasshauer was a member of the United German lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ulster county, N. Y.

Townpeople of Vandevort, Ark., armed with shotguns, pursued and killed an unidentified man who, single handed, held up the cashier of the Bank of Vandevort, escaping with \$200.

Alfred R. Lounsbury, former member of the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, died at the Grafton hotel, Washington, aged 67.

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San Diego, Jan. 22.—The crew of the United States Cruiser Cheyenne hoped to pull into deep water today the stranded United States submarine H-3, which grounded late yesterday on a mud bank. The underwater craft was resting high and dry on the bank and was not damaged. Alleged failure of the lighthouse service to replace a buoy lost two years ago was said by shipping men to be one of the principle reasons for stranding.

The accident of the H-3 was her second misfortune. Last fall she ran ashore in a fog off Point Sur, Cal.

Deny Negotiations For Peace Are Ended

Berlin, Jan. 22.—The Volks Zeitung, of Cologne, says that the Italian reports regarding withdrawal on the part of King Nicholas of Montenegro from all negotiations for peace with Austria are, to say the least, strongly exaggerated. The newspaper adds that it is a fact that obstacles have come up in the negotiations and that a portion of the Montenegrin army has refused to lay down arms, but that negotiations are still in progress.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

WEINSTEIN-SCHINE.

A quiet but pretty wedding will be solemnized at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Schine, 771 Seaview avenue, when their daughter, Miss Marion Schine, will be married to Mr. Joseph Weinstein by Rabbi William Witman. The ceremony will be witnessed only by the immediate families of the young couple who will be unattended. The house will be attractively decorated under the direction of James Egan & Son, florists, natural beauties being chiefly used. Miss Schine will wear a gown of white Duchesse satin cut in medium length without a train, and trimmed with silver lace. Her veil will be the same, with a circle of pearls. After an informal reception the newly married couple will leave on a trip to Old Point Comfort, Va., Washington, D. C., and Lansing, Mich., where they will visit the bridegroom's mother, who is too ill to come East to the ceremony. The bride will travel in a suit of black crepe cloth trimmed with rich. They will be "for home" on April 15, at their new home, 662 North avenue, that Mr. Weinstein has had built. Miss Schine is an alumna of the local high school, 1913. Mr. Weinstein was graduated from the same school in 1908 and from Yale Law school in 1911. He is a member of the firm of Weinstein Bros., dealers in hides and tallow.

The engagement of Miss Helen May Beardsley of Judson place, Stratford, to Roy Austin Youngs, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Beardsley, parents of Miss Beardsley. Both young persons are well known in Stratford and Bridgeport. Miss Beardsley is a graduate of Stratford High school and attended Lasell seminary for two years. She is a member of the Westogue Country club. Mr. Youngs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Youngs of Laurel avenue, and has been associated with R. D. Cates under the firm name of J. W. Beach & Co. since his graduation from Park avenue institution in 1905. He is a member of the Seaside, Criterion and Westogue clubs. The engagement was announced at the regular meeting at the Friday Afternoon Bridge club at the home of Miss Louise Topping, 249 Noble avenue.

The Authors' club held an interesting open meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Armstrong, 20 Brooklawn avenue. The program of music, readings and dancing had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Grannis. The soloists included Mrs. Henry L. Bishop, soprano; Mrs. Judith Landberg Flather, contralto; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, contralto, and Mrs. Grannis. Miss Elizabeth Lincoln was the pianist. Miss Lucile Marsh, reader; Miss Agnes Marsh, dancer, accompanied by Miss Elsa Clauser, contributed several pleasing selections.

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